

HE NEVER RECANTS.

The Sage and Savant Gets Back at His Bucolic—Antagonist in Superheated Rhetoric.

"Touchin' upon and appertainin' to the yawp of X Y Z" who seems to be a sophistical rhetorician inebriated by the exuberance of his own verbosity, the "Sage and Savant," whose pen emits fire and brimstone, (ahem,) renews to him the assurances of his distinguished consideration and begs to say that X Y Z's holy (?) protest against "political inconsistency, crawfishers, crow eaters, etc., is about as tickening rot as ever dripped from the tank of an alleged wise youngster, and that if the aforesaid wise youngster will attend to his own knitting and stop trying to save the administration from the assaults of crow eaters, crawfishers, etc., etc.," he will have about as much as he can do well.

The Hamans and Judas Iscariots of the colored race always sometimes nearly succeed in overreaching themselves.

The white men's "niggers" who are born gossips and tale bearers, are not removed from this vicious habit, even by a superior industrial education.

The habit of tattling on each other, even in slavery was one of the principal weaknesses of the Negro. And he sometimes got his black back lashed for his loyalty to the interests of old "massa." It is not strange that two removes from the plantation, has still left on some of the progeny of these mouthy Negroes, the mark which chiefly distinguished their forbears, and gained for them the title of "Good Niggers."

X Y Z is in error in charging "the Sage and Savant" with repudiating anything he ever wrote. He never did that, and never will, not even his reply to the young journeyman statesman (?) in a country village where Negro manhood is at a discount.

There are lots of men in politics who, according to the logic of this hypercritical and conscientious (?) youngster, are eating their own words and "crawfishing" fit to kill. Senator Platt has just committed the act of reversing himself on the question of endorsing the President for a re-election. If this youngster reads the papers he'll find lots of white men doing the same act.

"The Sage and Savant" dismisses the meddlesome representative of a "great man" with an humble sneer.

THE SAGE AND SAVANT.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

J. H. Levy, Acting R. E., Grand Commander Knights Templar of District of Columbia, was in the city on the 4th inst., to make the grand visitation to the subordinate commanderies. He performed the above duties with credit to himself and his friends. He visited Henderson Commandery, No. 2, on Thursday, September 4th; Gethsemane Commandery, No. 3, on September 10th, and after a flying trip to West Virginia, returned to Washington September 12th, to perform like duties for Simon Commandery, No. 1. On the 9th he also called all the Grand Officers together with the officers of the subordinate commanderies at 461 E street, southwest. At this place they were given a grand banquet, and the tables fairly groaned under the weight of good things, and at the conclusion of the repast, they were treated to the finest of wines and cigars. The tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers. This affair was under the supervision of Mrs. W. E. Lucas, a very worthy member of the Eastern Star. This lady is always willing to do anything in her power for the advancement and pleasure of Knight Templars of the District. She had the assistance of E. Morlan and Mrs. Ruby Hughes. The former is a member of Gethsemane Commandery and the latter enjoys a similar connection with the Eastern Star.

Below are found the names of a few persons who attended the banquet: Past R. E. G. C. W. Myers, Past R. E. G. C. J. W. Freeman, Past R. E. G. C. J. Gray, James C. Bampfield, L. H. Wayne, Messrs. Stevenson, New-

man, Malvin, Stewart, Cardozo, Turner, Layton, Jones and Livingston.

The Grand Master was invited, but sickness prevented him from attending. R. R. Stewart was toast master, and called upon all the past officers, who responded. The last toast was drunk to the Acting R. E. Commander, J. H. Levy, who made a very impressive speech which brought tears to the eyes of the Sir Knights. In his address he referred to Past Deputy Grand Commander Moton, who, he said, was with the Sir Knights at their last banquet, which was held at this hospitable home. The speaker also said he had gone to join the Grand Commandery above, where we will all shortly go. At the conclusion of his remarks those present sang "God be with us until we meet again," and everyone went home sorry the affair had ended so soon.

MUSICAL MATTERS.

Prof. Clarence C. White is in Oberlin, Ohio.

The Asbury choir has taken a new lease on musical excellence.

Mr. T. N. Dixon has been assisting Rev. C. L. Sheafe at the Seventh Day Adventist Tent, 13th and T streets northwest.

Prof. John T. Layton is introducing some new blood into the Metropolitan choir, and at his song service this season he will draw upon them for solo selections.

Miss Eva Bell is furnishing the music for a large dancing class that has been organized recently and meets at the hall, corner of New Jersey avenue and Morgan street.

The choir of the Metropolitan Baptist Church is doing the best work since its organization. Many are attracted to the church by the widespread reputation of the choir.

Miss Harriet A. Gibbs, the assistant director of music, has been the recipient of many honors this summer. She has given a number of successful lecture recitals and is spending this week visiting schools in St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Marie C. James made a distinct hit as a soloist at the recent Grand Sitting of the True Reformers in Richmond. While in the capital of the late Confederacy she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Burrell.

The "high tea," given Monday evening of last week by the Amphion Glee Club at the residence of Mrs. Martha Coxson, 1507 S street, northwest, drew a fine crowd, and everybody spent an enjoyable evening. The parlor was handsomely decorated and the menu was excellent. The orchestral music was all that could be asked, and the ever popular Amphions rendered several selections under the direction of Prof. J. Henry Lewis. The Amphions have a surprise "up their sleeve," which they will release at the proper time.

The reorganized choir of St. Luke's P. E. Church made its appearance at the eleven o'clock services last Sunday. Mr. James T. Walker was the director, Mr. C. C. McKinney presided at the organ and Miss Lucy J. Moten at the piano. In addition to Miss Nettie Murray, soprano, Miss Marie James, contralto, the singing corps has been strengthened by the return of Mr. W. H. Fossett, baritone. Mr. Walker continues as leading tenor and other voices are being developed which will add materially to the effectiveness of the concerted work.

MAGNIFICENT WORK OF ART.

THE COLORED AMERICAN issued a double edition of that admirable periodical last week, which is very creditable to the management. Besides the enormous amount of news matter and feature work contained in the paper, the likeness of Booker T. Washington was issued as a supplement, which was a magnificent piece of artistic work. Mr. Cooper gave the public an example of the possibility of Afro-American journalism, of which his paper is one of the leading spirits.—R. C. M. Simmons in Charleston (W. Va.) Advocate.

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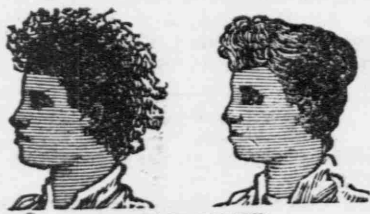
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